

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2002, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (*i.e.*, claims 1-5, 10-13, and 16-25). This election is made without prejudice to pursue the remaining claims in a related application. The application is to be amended as previously set forth. Applicants have elected the claims of Group I (claims 1-5, 10-13, and 16-25) and have also amended the claims of Group I to conform with US practice.

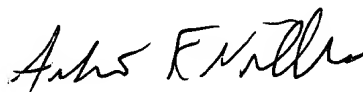
Applicants have deleted the phrase "said compound not being Tamm-Horsefall glycoprotein (THP), or LC-binding peptide fragments thereof" from the specification and claim 1. The basis for deleting the phrase in the specification and claims is found on page 3, lines 3-7, page 4, lines 35-38, and page 5 lines 23-26. Substantive examination of the application is requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants note the shortened statutory period for reply set forth in the Office Action is three months. A conditional petition for a two month extension of time is requested if the Office determines that the shortened statutory period should have been set at one month. If the conditional petition for a two month extension of time is required, please charge the amount of the two month extension fee to Deposit Account Number 20-1469.

If questions exist after consideration of the foregoing, the Office is kindly requested to contact the applicants' representative at the address or telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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